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OPERATING RING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 6,631,035 to IIKAWA et al., which issued on October 7, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 5,239,417 to EGUCHI et al., which issued on August 24, 1993; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,148,199 to KOHMOTO et al., which issued on September 15, 1992.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending, commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/457,483 to HAMASAKI, entitled "One-Way Rotational Transfer Mechanism", which was filed on June 10, 2003.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is invited to review the file wrapper at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

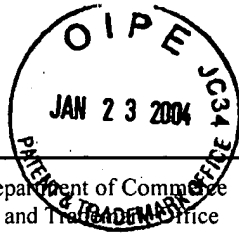
Each of the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate spaces to indicate consideration of each of the documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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	6 6 3 1 0 3 5	10/07/03	IIKAWA et al.			
	5 2 3 9 4 1 7	08/24/93	EGUCHI et al.			
	5 1 4 8 1 9 9	09/15/93	KOHMOTO et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO

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